

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A latch mechanism for a sliding drawer mounted in a cabinet and supported by telescoping slides, said drawer including a front side wall with a top edge and lateral side walls, said telescoping slides attached to the lateral side walls of the drawer, said latch mechanism comprising in combination:

5 a drawer handle including a plate riding on the top edge of the drawer and pivotal about the top edge between a first position and a second position;

said plate projecting into the drawer from the front edge and including a catch member attached to the plate inside the drawer, said catch member including a catch tab projecting generally transverse to the direction of drawer slide movement;

means for biasing said plate and catch member about the edge; and

10 a strike mounted on the inside of the cabinet at the front opening adjacent the drawer top edge when the drawer is closed, said strike positioned for engagement by the biased catch member, and disengaged therefrom when the handle is manually pivoted about the top edge against the force of the means for biasing.

2. The mechanism of claim 1 including a strike attached to the telescoping slide.

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3. The mechanism of claim 1 including first and second catch members attached to the handle adjacent respectively the lateral sideswalls of the drawer, said first and catch members positioned on the inside of the drawer to retain the handle from lateral sliding movement.

4. The mechanism of claim 1 wherein the handle includes a depending run extending from the plate on the inside of the drawer, said depending run hingedly connected to the front side of the drawer.

5. The latch mechanism of claim 1 wherein said slides comprise a first wall attachment section and at least one telescoping section, said telescoping section being attached to the lateral side walls of the drawer, said first wall attachment section including said strike projecting therefrom.

6. The latch mechanism of claim 1 wherein the handle extends along the full front side wall of the drawer.

7. The latch mechanism of claim 1 including at least one interlocking tab for attaching the plate to the front side wall of the drawer.

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